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“To Fight and Support the Fight - Any Time, Any Place”

Red Flag participants battle on

by Tech. Sgt. Sara Hilmoee
Red Flag – Alaska Public Affairs

Though Red Flag-Alaska 06-2 is an enhanced training opportunity for the U.S. military, the game is still the same: war.

Air Force active duty, National Guard and Reserve units from across the United States are participating in the two-week joint training exercise that started April 24.

Since participants began arriving April 17, the tarmac has seen a flurry of activity. Airmen from more than 10 units work together to prepare A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, B-52 Stratofortresses, F-16 Fighting Falcons, KC-10 Extenders, KC-135 Stratotankers and HH-60G Pave Hawks for their upcoming mis-

sions – missions not revealed until they were “dropped” April 24.

All missions begin with the dropping of an air tasking order, which is the lead planning document commanders follow. Once received, the teams – red, white and blue – can put their “game pieces” into place.

“The ATO consolidates the schedules of everything that’s going to be in the air that day,” said Capt. Matt Watson, one of three white force team members writing the exercise ATOs. “It’s creating a schedule based on the goals of the war (game) or the mission.”

The white force consists of active-duty members assigned here who facilitate the exercise

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Tech. Sgt. Julie Avey

Airman 1st Class Aaron Hasenauer, 63rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., prepares his plane April 21 for the kick off of Red Flag – Alaska.

Wing CC’s vision, goals

by Airman Nora Anton
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

With almost four months under his belt as commander of the 354th Fighter Wing, Brig. Gen. Dave Scott held two commander’s calls at the base theater April 21 to address key issues concerning the wing’s future.

General Scott touched on the 355th Fighter Squadron’s realignment, quality-of-life initiatives, professional development and the new B.A.S.E. 24/7 program, among other topics, in relaying his goals and overall outlook for Eielson’s operation in the immediate future.

“We are about combat power,” he said. “We will continue to have unrivaled combat power on call anytime, anywhere here at Eielson. It is our mission and number one priority.”

The commander voiced his priorities clearly, stating that although Eielson’s mission is his number one priority, one of his main focuses is on Eielson’s personnel and families. “People first ... mission always,” he said.

“We cannot do our mission without our folks ... military, civilian and dependants.”

General Scott outlined his goals for

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Bomber detained

Left, Maj. Scott Sanford, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commander, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, keeps a watchful eye out for any suspicious activity. Below, Maj. Sanford and members of the Office of Special Investigations detain a suicide bomber attempting to make his way towards Bagram. Maj. Sanford is deployed from the 354th SFS.



Phase II kicks off May 8

by Master Sgt. David Cook
354th Fighter Wing Plans & Programs

The 354th Fighter Wing will begin a test of the wing’s ability to survive and operate in a wartime environment, also known as a Phase II, 6 p.m. May 8.

This operational readiness exercise will focus on post-attack reconnaissance and unit control center procedures. All personnel need to review the Airman’s Manual (AFMAN 10-100/1 June 2004), for the latest guidance.

The Ice Bridge, located at the fitness center, will begin operations at 5 p.m. May 8. All privately owned vehicles must be removed from the “play area” by this time. All players must process through the Ice Bridge to enter the play area.

ORE pre-briefs, formerly known as theater briefs, are scheduled for 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. May 5 at the base theater. All personnel need to attend one of these information sessions due to changes from previous ORE operations.

Questions regarding exercise guidance can be directed to 354FW/IG at 377-1322.

Suicide prevention is key

Icemen encouraged to look out for each other

Suicide is the second leading cause of death in today’s Air Force and coworkers, supervisors, friends and family members are encouraged to look out for each other.

According to Capt. Mark Oliver, 354th Medical Operations Squadron Suicide Prevention Coordinator, in 2004 less than 25 percent of those who committed suicide in the Air Force had been to life skills to seek assistance.

“We all need to be watching out for each other in order to know when someone needs extra support,” said Capt. Oliver. “We should then be willing to listen first, and take action if necessary.”

Capt. Oliver said that those who commit suicide are typically struggling with one or more of the following: relationship difficulties, financial problems, legal issues, work problems, substance abuse and even serious sleep problems.

“Since social support often helps people handle such difficulties without harming themselves, just checking on people and listening to what’s troubling them can be a major help,” said Capt. Oliver.

The family support center, the chapel, family advocacy,

life skills support center and other agencies on base offer several services that can help assist people in need.

Services provided include: financial counseling, marriage and parenting workshops, couple and family counseling and child care.

Air Force OneSource is a resource available 24 -hours-a-day at (800) 707-5784 or go to www.airforce-onesource.com. Air Force OneSource can even provide brief counseling over the phone or arrange for face-to-face counseling in one’s community.

When someone confides to you that they are thinking about suicide, take the following steps:

- Always take them seriously
- If after duty hours, call the command post at 377-1500 and ask for a life skills counselor
- Commanders and first sergeants should ensure that the person’s needs are met
- Dial 911 if immediate help is needed
- Don’t leave them alone
- Remove means of self-harm (weapons, drugs, etc.) if possible
- Involve security forces if necessary—do not put yourself in danger to protect them from themselves

“Suicide can be prevented, but we must get involved,” Capt. Oliver said. “Be a good wingman at work, at home or at play.”

Courtesy of the 354th MDOS/Life Skills office.



I found it...

While deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, Capt. Maggie Donnelly, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Unit commander, crawls into the “hellhole,” an access area used by maintainers to perform fuel cell and strut maintenance on A-10 aircraft.

For Sale board procedures

Icemen reminded to follow base policy

by Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

From Teddy Bear hamsters, boats and televisions to cars, games and guitars, Eielson’s “For Sale” board is a virtual garage sale that never closes its doors.

“The For Sale board was created as a convenience to Eielson personnel who want to privately sell or purchase merchandise on Eielson’s public Web site,” said Maj. Michelle Hayworth, 354th Communications Squadron commander. “Although advertisements for personal goods may be posted free of charge, personnel must remember to abide by the For Sale board policy.”

- Air Force policy prohibits military and civilian personnel from using a government phone or fax numbers and a government e-mail address as a point of contact for information
- Home phone numbers and personal home e-mail addresses should be used for point of contact information
- Post only those items that are for an individual,

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Eielson and issued guidance that personnel can use to keep on track throughout the various transformations the base will undergo in the upcoming years.

“We must focus our efforts toward what we can improve in the next three to five years,” General Scott explained. “To do so, we have to set measurable objectives, develop tracking and progress-assessment methods, use frequent reporting and get the word out in a language everyone can understand. We will always have near-term issues to resolve, but we need to look at the bridge – the next three to five years – to make sure we can continue to move in the direction of our Air Force senior leadership.”

The commander emphasized the importance of developing Airmen, modernizing and recapitalizing base infrastructure, increasing Eielson’s combat capability and accepting force transformation in order to sustain the high levels of quality and excellence that have come to be expected from Eielson personnel.

He added that all Airmen are force multipliers, capable of making Eielson the best base in Pacific Air Forces and the Air Force along with always being ready to complete the mission.

“There isn’t a single person in this room that can’t make a difference here at Eielson,” he said. “You are all a force multiplier and you all can make a difference.”

Attributing readiness to a three-legged stool, the commander stressed the equal importance of physical, mental and spiritual well-being, adding that he expects the Iceman Team to be ready

for all future challenges. Passing annual fitness examinations, continuing education and finding positive stress relief were all listed as basic obligations for personnel. Most importantly, he said he expects people to work hard at making things better instead of just maintaining the status quo.

“Readiness also goes deeper than beans and bullets,” General Scott said. “It’s about strength of character. It’s about getting up in the morning and doing the right thing.”

The commander highlighted the importance of taking calculated risks in order to make key improvements. He said the Air Force’s business is inherently dangerous and Airmen need to know the difference between risks and things that can hurt Air Force people or resources.

“While we may accept certain risks, we must also be good stewards of our people; they are our most valuable resource.”

He also stressed the importance of making a difference in Airmen’s day-to-day lives.

“It’s better to wear out than to rust,” he said. “Make a difference wherever you go; do not rust in place. This means we all need to get out with our men and women where ever they are working. If we remain static we are merely maintaining the status quo and in reality falling behind. Keep everyone focused on the mission and improving the environment.”

The commander also addressed quality-of-life objectives, highlighting current and upcoming projects and in-

forming personnel of what they can do to help maintain Eielson’s well being. “Quality-of-life improvement is more than just new furniture or buying new computers,” he said. “It’s about what Airmen do to take care of themselves and their lives.”

Another issue the General brought up was taking military leave. “It is an entitlement and if we do not use it we lose it,” he said. “That is not acceptable unless we are involved in a long term combat operations. Our people need their leave so they can re-energize their batteries and get the well deserved rest and recuperation.”

General Scott also stressed the new B.A.S.E. 24/7 Program, which was specifically designated to help reduce the amount of alcohol-related incidents on base by building relationships, advancing Airmen’s issues, supporting and educating the community and enhancing Eielson’s experience. But he also stressed it is not only about problems associated with alcohol abuse and mis-use. “More importantly, it is about the things we can all do for our young Airmen to give them other options.

The commander concluded the briefing by re-emphasizing the critical importance of professional development for Airmen through proactive coaching, mentoring and teaching.

“Everyday we should be striving to learn something new and teaching something new to someone,” he said. “We need to create an environment where our people can succeed understanding they; our young men and women are the future of our Air Force.”

Special duty assignments available for eligible Airmen



Capt. Christopher Anderson

A special duty assignment team gives a briefing to more than 60 Icemen April 20 at the Yukon Club. The briefing described various special duty assignments available in the Air Force for eligible Airmen.

Have you ever been interested in becoming a recruiter, military training instructor, military training leader, technical training instructor, or professional military education instructor?

There are few jobs in the Air Force more challenging, satisfying and rewarding than an Air Education and Training Command special duty assignment.

Airmen 1st Class with at least 24 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 17 years total active federal military service are eligible to apply for these positions.

“Recruiters are responsible for the number and quality of young men and women who enlist and begin their Air Force careers. We are the first to touch the lives of our future Airmen,” said Master Sgt. Andrew Sites, NCO in charge of the Recruiter Screening Team. “One of our best entitlements is the opportunity to choose your own recruiting assignment from more than 1,100 possible locations.”

“Everyone remembers their MTI,” said Master Sgt. Antoinette Williams, MTI recruitment team superintendent. “The MTI sets the stage for each individual’s success in the Air Force and mentors hundreds of new Air Force members. The job is filled with substantial rewards for those who want to have a hand in molding our future Airmen.”

To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application, contact the 354th Fighter Wing career advisor, Senior Master Sgt. Charles Rogers at 377-7829.

For more information about recruiter opportunities and an application, go to www.afrecruiting.com or call DSN 665-0584. For military training instructor information, visit <http://www.lackland.af.mil/737web/main.cfm> or call DSN 487-1018. For information regarding military training leader special duty opportunities, visit <http://hq2af.keesler.af.mil/MTL>. If interested in an assignment as a PME instructor or technical training instructor, contact your servicing MPF for application procedures.

Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command.

Don’t become target for sexual predators

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Air Force officials are aggressively seeking to educate Airmen about sexual assault prevention and the barriers that prevent victims from reporting the crime.

“Sexual assault turns the victim’s world upside down, and the trauma of being assaulted is a shock from which many victims never fully recover,” said Brig. Gen. K. C. McClain, Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response commander. “And the thought that you’re going to have to talk to your commander, supervisor, the investigators – all of these people are going to know – is overwhelming for some people, and they don’t want to deal with it.”

It has been widely documented and discussed with criminal psychologists that people who inflict the crime of rape usually begin their “careers” early in life. Unfortunately, by the time individuals with this mindset are old enough to enter the Air Force, they may have transgressed the law already and expect to do so again.

Here are some common-sense safety practices that can help military members reduce the possibility of becoming victims of sexual assault:

- If you consume alcohol, do so in moderation. Studies indicate that a high percentage of all sexual assaults in the United States involve the use of alcohol by the offender, the victim or both.
- Do not leave your beverage unattended or accept a drink from an open container.
- When you date someone, communicate clearly with that person to ensure he or she knows your limits from the beginning. Both verbal and nonverbal (body language) communication can be used to ensure the message is understood.

Predators look for opportunities to commit their crimes, and the less opportunity they have, the better. Most sex offenders don’t look creepy or scary. In fact, some can be very good looking and charming.

Don’t become a target for a sexual predator seeking the opportunity to take advantage.

“Commanders are the key to sexual assault prevention and response,” Gen. McClain said. “Everyone from our most junior member to our most senior member has a role in prevention and response. It’s not a commander’s program--it’s everyone’s responsibility.”

Courtesy of Air Force Print News.

Names 2 Note



Congratulations to 1st Lt. Erika Chute for her selection as the 354th Fighter Wing’s Company Grade Officer Personnelist of the year for 2005.

Congratulations to Airman 1st Class Nathan Mooney, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, and his wife Brittany, on the birth of their baby girl, Makayla Ann Mooney, on April 14. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Oustanding CDC scores

- Airman 1st Class Nathan Aguilera, 354 CS, 100 percent**
- Senior Airman Bryan Carpenter, 354 CES, 96 percent**
- Senior Airman Jared Priddle, 354 MXS, 92 percent**
- Staff Sgt. Charmant Thomas, 354 CES, 90 percent**

DWI CLOCK

The Iceman Team goal is 60 days without a DWI.

Days without a DWI: 6
Days until goal: 54



Need a free ride home from the North Pole area or on base?
Call: 377-RIDE from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights

Need a ride home from Fairbanks?
Call: Klondike Cab, at 457-RIDE (7433) for discounted rides back to base.

AADD VOLUNTEERS

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers gave 33 rides last weekend and have ‘saved’ 4,809 lives to date.

Special thanks to last week’s Icemen volunteers for helping keep our Airmen safe.

- Airman 1st Class Aaron Beil
- Airman 1st Class Mike Black
- Senior Airman Jonathan Lopez
- Senior Airman Philip Ridenour
- Master Sgt. VerNon Chandler
- Airman 1st Class Amanda Logan
- Master Sgt. Craig Burgett
- Senior Master Sgt. Galbadores
- Tech. Sgt. Tom Davis
- Senior Airman Brandon Clinton
- Airman 1st Class Liviu Niculcea
- Staff Sgt Joshua Bottazzi
- Tech. Sgt Rickesha Harris
- Airman Jessica Shealey
- Senior Master Sgt. Galbadores
- Senior Master Sgt. Richard Hageman
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COMMANDER'S
CORNER

**Commander's
Hotline**
377-6100

The Hotline is your opportunity to get your issues and comments directly to me so I can address them.

Before you call the hotline, however, I strongly encourage you to give the unit involved, your first sergeant or commander a shot at resolving the issue. The Iceman Team takes care of its own, but you should give these people the chance to help. Please leave the names and organizations of the people you've contacted who have been unable to satisfy your concern, and I will look into the problem.

Your confidentiality will be respected at all times. Thank you!

Brig. Gen. Dave Scott
354th Fighter Wing commander

Newspaper deadlines

ARCTIC SENTRY deadlines are close of business Friday prior to the following Friday's publication. E-mail submissions to editor@eielson.af.mil.

Story ideas?

THE ARCTIC SENTRY staff seeks to provide its customers with informative stories about the Iceman Team. E-mail story ideas to: editor@eielson.af.mil.

Initiatives help care for Airmen

Ten years ago, the Air Force embarked on an unprecedented community campaign to prevent suicides. The 11 initiatives of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program focuses on our core value that every Airman is a wingman and responsible for taking care of each other.

We've seen a 30 percent drop in Air Force suicide rates since the implementation of AFSPP. However, we continue to lose too many Airmen to suicide: 31 in Fiscal 2005 and 12 so far in Fiscal 2006. One recurring theme is that the problems faced by Air Force suicide victims were often unknown to the unit, or the unit didn't realize the full severity of these problems. It is imperative that frontline supervisors take time to learn what is going on in the lives of their subordinates, both on and off duty. Frontline supervisors are our first line of defense in preventing suicide, and they

must know and understand their personnel well enough to detect troubled fellow Airmen and take effective preventive action. Commanders and First Sergeants play a vital role in engaging with frontline supervisors to identify those at risk and get them help.

Every Airman is a vital national treasure. I ask commanders to ensure the full implementation of all 11 initiatives on their installations. The 11 initiatives are outlined in Air Force Pamphlet 44-160, "Air Force Suicide Prevention Program: Description of Program Initiatives and Outcomes."

The 11 initiatives are: build community awareness; leadership involvement; investigative interview policy; professional military education; epidemiological database; delivery of community preventive services; community

education and training; critical incident stress management; integrated delivery system; limited patient-psychologist privilege; and unit risk-factor assessment.

Suicide prevention is a total community effort, and I need your full engagement in caring for our Airmen.

T. MICHAEL MOSELEY
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

Military children thanked for support

The following is a letter to military children from Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff:

"I want to take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary contributions of our Nation's military families, who have faced many challenges – from family separations to frequent moves – with great courage. I would especially like to acknowledge a special source of inspiration: children of military families.

You are patient and understanding when duty calls and your Mom or Dad cannot attend a soccer game, music recital, birthday party or other important family or school activity. You are heroes in a quiet, thoughtful way, and I am grateful for the unconditional love you give your Mom and Dad.

Many of you have experienced the sad and sometimes frightening experience of having your Mom or Dad far

from home, serving around the globe in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

Through your personal courage and support, you serve this nation, too – and I am proud of you.

Frequent moves are a way of life for the military child. It is never easy to say goodbye to friends and familiar routines, to begin again in a new school, a new neighborhood – and sometimes a new country. But your resilience and

self-confidence are strengths that others admire, including your parents.

Growing up in a military family offers some challenges, but it also provides some special rewards. You can be proud of your Mom and Dad for their brave defense of this great country. Your love and support sustains them. So, thank you for being there for Mom and Dad. You are American patriots and role models for us all."

Doolittle Raider looks back on turning point

It was early 1942, and it hadn't been long since Japan threw the United States into the vortex of World War II with their attack on Pearl Harbor -- or the day when 2nd Lt. Thomas Griffin stood up at the University of Alabama and swore to defend his country against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

As an Army Air Corps 17th Bomb Group navigator in Oregon, he was trying to make good on that promise when he volunteered for Gen. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold's "Special Mission No. 1."

It would have been presumptuous, at that point, to imagine all the books, movies, fame and accolades that would emerge from that mission; the crews were still unsure if they would emerge themselves. But this was the greatest generation, and -- as the Iwo Jima memorial in Washington, D.C., declares - "uncommon valor was a common virtue."

They set out to even the score.

The 20 crews that volunteered for Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle's secret mission traveled here, to what was Eglin Field, to begin training.

"It was a field way out in the boondocks," said retired Maj. Thomas Griffin 64 years after his adventure began here. "We had a strip out there where nobody could see what we were doing. It was all very secretive back then, you see."

If the massive B-25 Mitchells, which normally needed 1,200 to 1,500 feet of runway, were seen lifting off the ground after only 450 feet, they might have been able to figure out they were up to something. Shrouded by secrecy and fueled by urgency, the crews trained for three weeks.

While they were here, the crews performed crucial modifications to the aircraft. All non-essential equipment was removed in order to reduce the plane's weight. Maintenance troops tuned up the engines and carburetors in order to increase power for the short takeoff and fuel efficiency for the long flight. Broomsticks, painted black, extended from the tail to simulate guns.

Major Griffin remembers sitting in the bar, "Top of the Mark," on the top floor of their hotel. The outline of the aircraft carrier, which was blacked out in the bay, was obvious to him. The men had some drinks, presumably for their nerves, but there were no loud declarations of the heroic acts they would soon perform.

After two weeks at sea, a Japanese patrol spotted the U.S.S. Hornet, laden with bombers -- the secret was out. The planes had to take off immediately. Ten hours ahead of schedule, 200 miles outside the expected fuel range and one full day before the Chinese airfields (where the men were to land) expected them, the 16 planes prepared for departure. The mission was supposed to be a night raid, but now the crews would be blasting Japan in broad daylight.

Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle sat in the first plane. The crews in the 15 planes behind him held a collective breath as his B-25 blazed down the deck and finally lifted into the air April 18, 1942.

"We were fortunate to have a great leader in Jimmy Doolittle," Major Griffin said. "He was quite a man. First he convinced us it could be done and then he convinced us in the best way, by flying the first over-loaded airplane off the deck. That's what a great leader does -- he leads."

When the time came for the No. 9 plane, the "Whirling Dervish," to take off, Major Griffin said he and the rest of the crew were feeling pretty good.

"We had seen eight planes take off successfully in front of us," he said.

The Raiders bombed military installations, factories, oil stores, gas and electric companies and other military assets.

They flew for more than 15 hours. Because of the early takeoff, none had the fuel to make it to their landing destination. They flew till they ran out of gas. Ten planes were abandoned after crews bailed out, five crash-landed and one flew to Russia because they knew early on they'd never make it to China.

Fifty men jumped out of their planes into a stormy night over China. Major Griffin said the wind flung his parachute about so that he wasn't sure it would work. Although the Whirling Dervish made it to China further inland than any other plane, the crews really didn't know where they would eventually land because of the storm.

Most of the men eventually made it back home safely. Some were executed, some drowned and some were taken prisoner. Major Griffin would spend 15 months as a German prisoner later in the war.

It's been many years since that long mission over Japan, but the men who lived to talk about it still do. In Dayton, Ohio, recently, the surviving Raiders commemorated the 64th anniversary of the boost they provided to American morale and their famous "30 seconds over Tokyo."

Courtesy of Air Force Materiel Command News Service.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Eielson Prayer Breakfast

A National Prayer Breakfast takes place 7:30 a.m. May 1 at the Aurora Club. Guest speaker, Chaplain, (Brig. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, will speak on “In God We Trust.” Cost is \$6. Call 377-2130.

Harlem GlobeTrotters discount

A Harlem GlobeTrotters show takes place 7 p.m. May 2-3 at the Carlson Center. Tickets cost \$16 with military I.D. and can be purchased at any Fred Meyer Ticketmaster outlet, the Carlson Center box office. To receive your discount online, surf to <http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/27701>.

Volunteers needed

A half-scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial will be on display May 24-30 at Veterans Memorial Park, on 7th Street and Cushman Street. Two-hundred and eighty volunteers are needed to read the names of those listed on the memorial. Call Mark Lomax at 474-8360, 460-1484 or e-mail fsml12@uaf.edu.

Fit Testing Kicks off

Fitness testing begins May 1 on Arctic Road between Transmitter Road and French Creek Road. To reserve the road for testing and for squadron training, unit fitness program managers and physical training leaders should call the fitness center.

Meet-and-greet

A Ben Eielson High School meet-and-greet for new principal candidates is 5:30-6:45 p.m. Saturday at the high school.

Switchboard operator

Part-time switchboard operators are needed. Email resumes to suzanne.crawford.ctr@eielson.af.mil. For more information, call 377-1850.

EESC meeting

An Eielson Enlisted Spouse’s Club meeting is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at bldg. 2613 (behind Amber Hall). Call Kathy Witowic at 372-2630 for more details.

Youth coaches needed

The youth center seeks volunteers to coach youth T-Ball and baseball teams this summer. Officials are also needed to umpire games in June and July. Player registration is open for ages 5-13 until April 30. If interested, please contact Sarah Nolin at 377-1069 or e-mail sarah.nolin@eielson.af.mil.

Field day volunteers needed

Crawford Elementary School is looking for volunteers for field day from 12:15-2:15 p.m. Thursday. For more information or for questions, call Julie Watson at 372-2111 or e-mail jwatson2@northstar.k12.ak.us.

Spouse tuition assistance

Spouse tuition assistance applications for summer sessions in colleges or certification programs are due May 19. For an application, stop by the base education office located in bldg. 2623, Suite 103, Wabash Ave.



The fourth annual Break-up Beach Party, “Cruising the Mexican Riviera” takes place 5-9 p.m. today at the fitness center.

The main floor of the fitness center will close at 1 p.m. Friday for party setup. Events include: pre-kindergarten games, carnival games, fun prop photos, limbo, beach bingo, pool relays, prizes and more. Call 377-4041 or 377-4130 for more information.

Badge of Honor

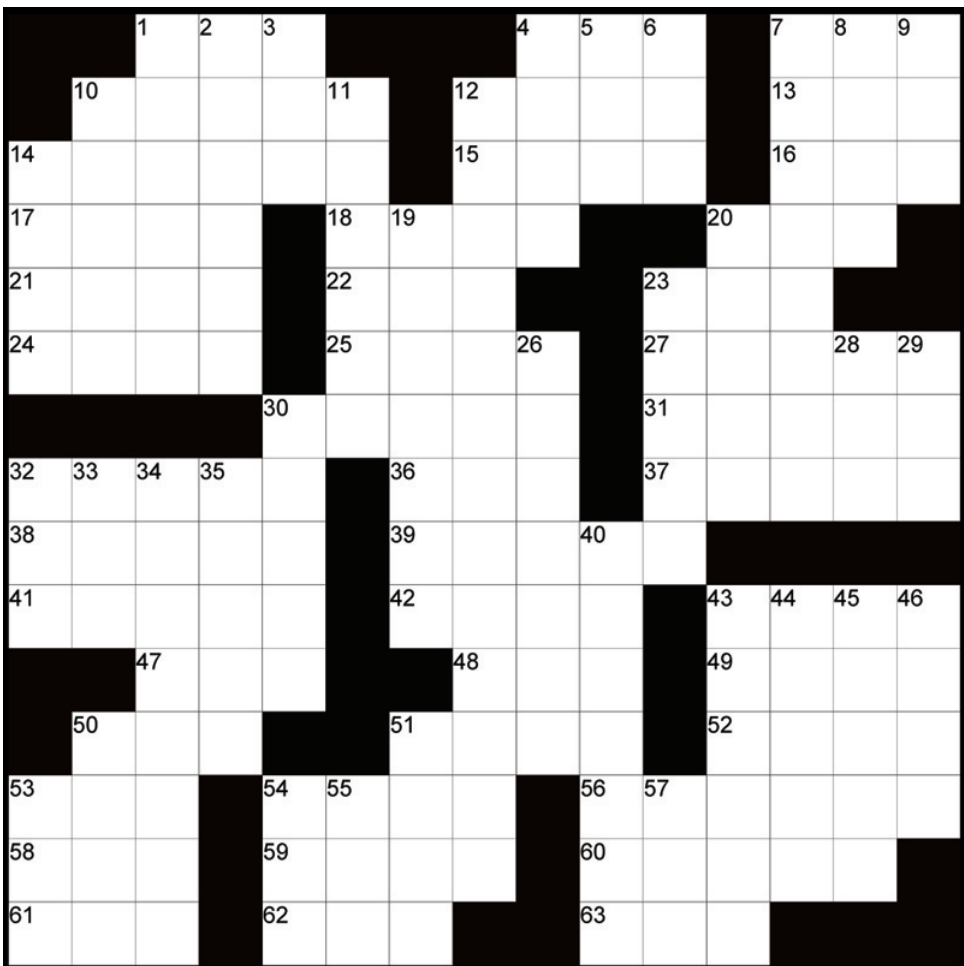
ACROSS

- 1. USAF field meal
- 4. Badge with scales; awarded to 51J
- 7. AETC crest badge; awarded to 8T000 or 81T
- 10. Conjecture
- 12. Castle protector
- 13. Decor or op
- 14. Minnesota city
- 15. Historic
- 16. Less than
- 17. Mineral and baby
- 18. Chooses
- 20. Mole
- 21. Minor Prophet; son of Beeri
- 22. Judge or pay lead-in
- 23. Mil. overseas address starter
- 24. NY team
- 25. Impoverished
- 27. Mornings
- 30. Popular aquarium denizen
- 31. Body of water
- 32. Evaluate
- 36. Badge with bomb and bolts; awarded to 3E8X1 (in short)
- 37. Translucent glassy mineral
- 38. Badge with globe and eagle; awarded to 2F0X1
- 39. Similar
- 41. Motor
- 42. High time

- 43. Drains
- 47. Car ID
- 48. ___-whiz
- 49. Squadron or group
- 50. Hamper
- 51. General’s helper; AFSC of 88A
- 52. Heap
- 53. Tic-___-toe
- 54. Male children
- 56. Portable computer
- 58. NORAD air sovereignty mission
- 59. Vent anger
- 60. Conspicuous success
- 61. Harris and O’Neal
- 62. Stitch
- 63. TV actress Susan

DOWN

- 1. Bad haircut?
- 2. Recycles
- 3. Langley AFB time zone (GMT-0500)
- 4. Wets
- 5. ___ alai
- 6. Badge with a tower; awarded to 1C1X1
- 7. Badge with globe being circle by spacecraft; awarded to 3U0X1
- 8. Pitt movie
- 9. USAF recreation support site
- 10. Demeanor
- 11. Ye Olde ___



- 12. Badge with a vane; awarded to 15W or 1W0X1
- 14. Perdition
- 19. Exhibiting considerable variety
- 20. Badge with globe orbiting constellations; awarded 13S or 1C6X1
- 23. Mud hut
- 26. Transmitted to HQ
- 28. Vote against
- 29. NBC comedy show

April 14 Solutions



- 30. Former heavyweight boxer
- 32. Bellows or Clear sites
- 33. Litigate
- 34. Badge with globe and torch; awarded to 34M or 3M0X1
- 35. ___ & The Chipmunks
- 40. Genuflected
- 43. Badge with a globe and eagle; awarded to 2S0X1
- 44. Singer/activist Bryant
- 45. Badge with shield and wings; awarded to 11X
- 46. Staircase item
- 50. Badge with a globe and lyre; awarded to 35B or 3N1X1
- 51. From scratch
- 53. Shoe part
- 54. Badge with AF crest and eagle; awarded to 31P/3P0X1 (in short)
- 55. Lode
- 57. Gen. Chuck Yeager was one



The Eielson Honor Guard is an all-volunteer elite group of individuals comprised of Airmen, NCOs, senior NCOs, and Officers from different squadrons and base agencies.

The Base Honor Guard trains for a variety of color guard ceremonies including retirements, change-of-commands, promotion recognitions, memorial ceremonies and off-base community functions. In addition to providing color guard support for over 100 ceremonies each year, the team also performs military honors for active-duty, retirees, and veterans funerals.

The Base Honor Guard supports the people of the Eielson Community and is a shining example of the best of the Iceman Team.

HONOR GUARD BENEFITS

- 1. Gain leadership skills and career growth
- 2. Issued ceremonial blues and BDUs
- 3. TDY opportunities throughout Alaska
- 4. Opportunity to train with the Air Force Honor Guard at Bolling AFB
- 5. Eligible for Achievement Medal after one year of honorable and faithful service
- 6. Good face time with wing leadership
- 7. Excellent for EPRs
- 8. Extra chance to shine and promote the AF
- 9. Free dry-cleaning of HG uniforms
- 10. Free AAFES hair cuts to quarterly award winners



To join the Base Honor Guard or for more information call (907) 388-3158 or e-mail honorguard@eielson.af.mil. Contact Information:

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MAY ARCTIC SERVICES MONTHLY



MUKLUK MOOSE SAYS, "MAKE TRACKS, EXPLORE ALASKA WITH SERVICES!"

The Services Summer Expo is back for an annual "Make Tracks, Explore Alaska!" celebration, complete with an interactive information fair for Eielson community members, tasty treats for all and fun activities for children (under 12 must be accompanied by an adult).

Meet tour and travel experts, watch demos and take seminars from hunting and fishing expert Chris Batin. Enjoy free food and carnival games! Pan for gold, see Alaskan wildlife photography by Kirsty Knittel. Participate in fun runs with your kids or a four legged friend. Discover the best kind of summer you can have at Eielson.

The Services Summer Expo is on Saturday, May 13th, from 10am-3pm, in and around the Fitness Center.

SPECIAL GUESTS AND DISPLAYS:

- » Chris Batin, Alaskan hunting and fishing expert
- » Test the Waters
- » Stan Stephens Cruises
- » Denali Outdoor
- » Salcha Marine Boat Shop
- » Harley Davidson
- » US Coast Guard
- » Alaska Fish & Game
- » Bureau of Land Management, for family gold panning
- » Kirsty Knittel, Alaskan wildlife and landscape photographer
- » Tom Sawyer Village
- » AAFES
- » Visit Eielson Services Activities
- » Enter to win an overnight stay at Chena Hot Springs!



SERVICES SUMMER EXPO SPONSORS INCLUDE:
Gene's Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Sprinter Dealership, USAA, Play it Again Sports, and Chena Hot Springs.

FOUR-LEGGED PET/OWNER RUN SPONSORS:
AAFES and PetStuff of Fairbanks.

No FEDERAL ENDORSEMENT OF SPONSORS INTENDED



AIR FORCE CLUB MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

EARN UP TO \$6,000!

For the tenth consecutive year, Air Force Club Membership is helping members and their families combat the costs of higher education. Scholarships are provided through a sponsorship agreement with CHASE Bank and MasterCard (No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.)

This year, club members and their families have the opportunity to submit an essay on the topic *"Proud to be an American."*

For more information and rules, please visit:
https://www-r.afsv.af.mil/MKT/Promo_Scholarship.htm

EIELSON YOUTH PROGRAMS GARNER NATIONAL HONORS



(L to R) Ben Crawford, David Ernig, Savannah Fearn and Stefanie Campiglia work on a craft project at Eielson's Youth Center

Fit Factor program. The monetary awards, according to youth programs director, Debbie Conklin, provide additional impetus to improve and expand Eielson's programming at the local level.

Around the same time the Fit Factor award was won, the School Age Program established national recognition and endorsement by receiving the National Afterschool Association (NAA) Accreditation. Through the NAA standards for school-age quality are addressed such as the well-being of children; emotional and social development and academic achievement.

While some programs concentrate on special events, Eielson youth programs strength is shown in the "things we do every day," according to Ms. Conklin. At any given time, after school, literally three or more programs are running concurrently – in the gym, the study/computer room, teen room, and (blocks away from the youth center) in the school age facility. Programs have expanded so much, that it's only with the support of the base fitness center and the schools, so generously sharing their facilities, that scheduling problems for concurrent programs are kept at a minimum.

Ms. Conklin expressed her appreciation for the schools and the base agencies that work so well together to strengthen and maintain youth programs. Our program is enhanced by the separate 4H-Cooperative Extension program, known locally as Alaska TRACKS (Training and Recreation for Alaska Cool Kids). Candi Dierenfeld, the TRACKS coordinator, will provide materials, the sewing machine and instruction for participants to make their own fleece pajama bottoms, a unique, value-added program.

The effort to increase interaction takes place on a personal level as well as across agencies, internal as well as external. For example, the youth center offers programs that encourage parental involvement; and have designed or enhanced programs placing teens and preteens in mentor roles with the younger children. The center pairs older girls with participants in the school age program, after a fun interactive training program for the older set. They explore healthy living choices, the benefits of sports and how to be role models, leading by example.

Another way the center has responded to change is by creating transitional programs for youth and preteens, in consideration of their maturity and age levels. "As children at the child development center reach age 5," Conklin explains, "we take them to visit the school age program (children must be at least age 5 and in kindergarten). Although open recreation at the youth center is open to children as young as age 9, not all are mature enough to handle the peer interaction, nor do they all know how to manage their snack money or the myriad choices to make. To ease the transition from school age to youth center, the area for 9-11 year olds was created; just as there's an area for 11-13 year olds. Of course, as they reach that coming-of-age milestone, there's the teen room.

Perhaps the most important aspect of youth programs is their responsiveness to changes in the youth's family. Increased

SEABEE SHARES SUPERIOR SKILLS SELFLESSLY



Pete Dunham (foreground) and Senior Airman Joshua Rekstad construct a project at the Eielson Wood Shop.

Pete Dunham is a "can do," man. The way he carries himself, operates the machinery, and answers questions with certainty, all signs point to - Yes. Can do. The wood hobby shop manager is a teacher first. Pete feels certain he can teach anyone to operate the wood-crafting tools in his shop in a safe, productive, and satisfying manner. He can assist anyone in building simple to complex projects. Pete is there for you.

A carpenter and craftsman for over 21 years, Pete leads the certification course for those new to the wood hobby shop's equipment. He promises to stay by the side of any uncertain woodworker, even after the certification, until they're fully comfortable operating the machinery. Can do!

Walking around the wood shop, his place for two years, Pete shows the different works in progress that his customers store there. He is proud of the level of work his customers are turning out, and the advancements many have made since they've begun woodworking. Not everyone is a carpenter, Pete explains, but he feels nearly anyone is capable of doing good work, if they take the time.

Real craftsmanship takes time. Whether it's a custom creation, a bookshelf from a kit, or repair work, time, and patience are key. Pete picked up a furniture piece he was working on, showing why the clamps needed to stay in place on for an hour or more, then the sanding would take at least another hour. Then the detail work

could begin. Who has the time? "We're here for the troops, first," Pete says with conviction. While the shop is family friendly, and even offers introductory parent-child classes, his dedication to the military member is clear.

The Navy man of 21 years doesn't mince words, "If we can get people in here, maybe we can keep the DUI numbers down." Leaning closer, he says, "Get off the couch and get in here and start doing stuff."

The wood shop manager brings a lot of experience to the table. Two-plus decades with the navy as a SeaBee, Naval Construction Battalion, Pete pounded a lot of nails. Like the Air Force civil engineers, a SeaBee can build, "Just about anything and everything," and Pete has. From custom furniture for admirals, to hospitals, Pete can build it, and he has. Can do.

The wood hobby shop is open 10am-8pm Tues-Thurs; 10 am-10pm Fri & Sat and 1-6pm. Sunday. Certification is available free of charge noon-6pm Tues-Sat.

Certification is needed to use all wood center tools.

The shop is located in building 2611, adjacent to Auto Hobby. For more information, call 377-1168.

Eielson AFB SERVICES
Combat Support & Community Service

MAY EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Make Tracks! Explore Eielson	1 Asian-Pacific Islander Month Visit the display at the Base Library!	2 Avid Reader Book Club Tuesdays @ 6pm Community Ctr	3 Book Appetit' Book Club Wednesdays @ 11:30am Community Ctr	4 Chess Club Thursdays @ 6pm Community Ctr	5 Kid's Night Out Cinco de Mayo 6:30-11pm Youth Center Cinco de Mayo Fiesta 7pm Teen Break Cinco de Mayo 8pm Yukon Club	6 Join Hands Day 1-5pm Youth Ctr Donelly Dome Hike 9am-4pm ODR Adv Wood Skills Class, 10am-6pm (through May 7)
7 Sunday Buffet Brunch 10am-2pm Yukon Club	8	9 Aero Club Mandatory Safety Meeting 7pm	10 Pool Team Tournaments Begin, 5-8pm Yukon Club Fly-Tying Class 5:30pm Community Ctr	11 Pre-Teen Spring Fling 5:30-7:30pm Youth Center	12 Kids Night Out 6:30-11pm Youth Center	13 Services Outdoor Expo 10am-3pm Fitness Center Pool Singles Tournaments Begin, 5-8pm Yukon Club Pinch-Hitter Course Aero Club
14 Mother's Day Brunch 9:30am-1pm Aurora Club	15 NAF Sale 9am-3pm Bldg 2731, call 377-2863. E-4 and below eligible. New Provider Orientation 9am-Noon Comm Ctr	16 NAF Sale (continued) 9am-3pm Bldg 2731, call 377-2863. All eligible today.	17 Beginning 5 Stand Shoot 5pm Skeet & Trap Range	18	19 Boys & Girls Clubs Of America Birthday End Of School Carnival 1-5pm Youth Ctr Kids 4X4 Bingo 2pm Community Ctr	20 Armed Forces Day Mini Triathlon, 7:45am Fitness Center BBQ Burn Yukon Club Parent/Child Wood Skills Class 10am-6pm VFR XC Planning Course @ the Aero Club
21 Sunday Buffet Brunch 10am-2pm Yukon Club	22 School Age Program Summer Camp, May 22-August 18 6:30am-6pm Ages 6-12	23	24 Fly-Tying Class 5:30pm Community Ctr	25 Birch Lake & Valdez Operations open for the Summer!	26 PACAF Family Day	27 IFR XC Planning Course @ the Aero Club
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31 Auto Care Class. May 31 through June 2. Call 377-1168 for more info	"SEE YOU AT THE SERVICES SUMMER EXPO!" -- Mukluk Moose		

Arts & Crafts, Wood Skills, Auto Body



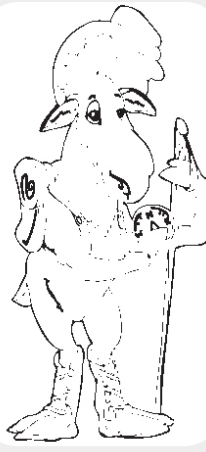
May 6-May 7th
Advanced Wood Skills Class. 10am-6pm
May 6th, Noon-6pm May 7th
May 20
Parent/Child Toy Making Class. 10am-6pm
May 31-June 2
Auto Care Class. Call 377-1168 for more info and for class times

Library



Summer Reading Program: "Claws, Paws, Scales and Tales", Pre-school through 6th grade. "Creature Feature", Grades 7-12. Register at the end of May through the beginning of June. Call 377-3174 for more information and to sign up!

Fitness Center



May 13 Services Summer Expo

Fun, Food, Seminars, Games! Make Tracks with Services and see what you can do with your summer in Alaska! 10am-3pm
ALSO:
Expo Run, America's Kids Run, 4-Legged Pet/Owner Run. 8am register, 9am start, at the Fitness Center.

School Age Program



May 22- August 18
School Age Program Summer Camp. 6:30am-6pm. For ages 6-12. Every week is new and exciting!
Activities include swimming, hiking, fishing, field trips Boys & Girls Club and 4-H program activities, sports, arts & crafts and more! Cost determined by income. Campers must meet eligibility requirements.

Teen Break (Fridays and Saturdays, 7-10:45pm)

May 5
Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, 7-10pm
May 6
Open Mic Night
May 13
Techno Night
May 19
Dinner & A Movie Night (\$2/person)
May 20
Gaming Night
May 26
Club Break
May 27
Pool Tournament

Outdoor Recreation



(Office Now at Bear Lake)
May 6
Donnelly Dome Hike, 9am-4pm. Sign up by April 29th.
May 17
Learn to Shoot 5 Stand, Skeet and Trap Range. 5-8pm
May 25 through August
Birch Lake & Valdez operations are open for the summer season! Take advantage of exclusive military recreation areas.

Yukon Club



May 5
Cinco De Mayo, 9pm
May 10
Team pool tournaments begin, 5-8pm
May 13
Singles pool tournaments begin, 5-8pm
May 20
BBQ Burn

Aurora Club

Sourdough Saloon Officer's Lounge ~ Open 5pm Fridays

May 14
Mother's Day Brunch, 9:30am-1pm

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN MAY 1:
Visit www.eielsonservices.com or the back page of Mukluk Magazine to see phone numbers and hours of operation for all Eielson Services locations.

Aero Club



May 1,11,25
Members fly four hours today with 4th hour free (N354FW Only)
May 2, 7, 17, 19, 21, 31
Members fly four hours today with 4th hour free (N6548V Only)
May 3,15
Member XC flight to Talkeetna with \$25 lunch credit.
May 4,16,30
Member \$5 per hours A/C discount for Gold King checkout
May 5, 8,10,14,26,28
Members fly four hours today with 4th hour free (N773QZ Only)
May 6
Mountain Flying Course (Non-Members welcome)
May 9
MANDATORY Safety Meeting, 7pm
May 12,23
Members get 50% off flight instructor fees for an Instrument Proficiency Check completed today
May 13
Pinch Hitter Course (Non-Members welcome)
May 18,22,29
Member XC flight to Bettles with \$25 lunch credit
May 20
Cross Country Planning Course (VFR) Non-Members welcome
May 27
Cross Country Planning Course (IFR) Non-Members welcome

*New members who join the aero club this month will receive a 50% discount on their purchase of any CBI training kit when they establish their BLOCK account. **Member who flies the most hours will receive one free flight hours (restrictions apply).

Community Center



May 2
Avid Reader Book Club, Tuesdays at 6pm
May 3
Book Appetit' Book Club, Wednesdays at 11:30am
May 4
Chess Club, Thursdays at 6pm
May 5
Customer Appreciation/Monster Blow-up Night, 5:30pm
May 10& 24
Fly-Tying Class, 5:30pm \$8/person. Sign up 2 days prior
May 19
Kids 4X4 Bingo, 4 games for 4 quarters, 2pm

Family Child Care



May 15
New Provider Orientation. 9am-Noon. Location: FCC Training Room, 2nd floor at the Community Center. Deadline for sign up is May 11th

STREET BUZZ

“What are your plans for the summer?”



“I’m hoping to get a chance to ride my motorcycle and maybe go to Six Flags.”

Capt. William Cooper,
354th Fighter Wing Chaplain



“I will be getting ready to have a baby.”

Airman 1st Class
Stephani Dubeau, 354th
Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



“I’d like to see something new every weekend.”

1st Lt. Jeremy Jacobson,
354th Aircraft Maintenance
Squadron



“I’m moving to Wyoming at the end of the summer. I plan on going fishing while fighting off mosquitos until I leave.”

Rebecca Kelly, civilian



“I plan to go hunting and fishing.”

Frank Ryan, retired Master
Sergeant

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for the blue and red teams that play the friendly and hostile forces, respectively.

“We see ourselves as the referees for the actual players,” said Capt. Michael Clark, one of the white force ATO writers. They also advise Col. John Dobbins, the air expeditionary wing commander for Red Flag-Alaska, because they are familiar with the base and its vast training area.

Once the ATO drops, the “friendly” blue forces receive their specific orders and go to work. The “hostile” red team also receives an order for the day, but they’re privy to a bit of inside information on what the blue team will be doing so they can plan the needed training maneuvers.

The blue team, however, is not provided with the capabilities or methods the red team will use. All they know is that the aggressors will be attacking.

At first, reading the cryptic orders line by line can be overwhelming and lengthy, but technology and computers help the mission commanders and their units sort the orders out by mission, flight or specific unit.



RED Vs. BLUE

Capt. Ron Strobach, Red Flag-Alaska project officer and white force member, said the ATO gives participants an overall picture of where everyone will be for the entire day, whether on the ground or in the air.

For the mission commander, reading and deciphering the plan is only the beginning of the challenge. The mission planning cell begins to plan for any contingencies that may occur while they are carrying out the mission. These contingencies are planned, so that when they are needed, a simple command can be sent out

to make them happen.

“Units have to be able to adapt to this plan and still meet the mission requirements,” Captain Clark said.

Captain Watson said it’s like being given a set of ingredients and told to make a cake.

“You may not be given every-thing you’d like for the outcome you desire, but you work with the pieces you have,” he said.

The ATOs are built based on training requirements and special requests from the different units participating in order to prepare them for upcoming

deployments. Because some exercise participants have never deployed, it may be the first time they have seen an ATO.

“There are a lot of new people coming through,” Captain Strobach said. “Here they’ll see the actual, physical document they would see in the real world. It can be pretty cryptic, so it’s good for them to see it here.”

The white force members write ATOs to meet the units’ needs, while assuring no participant will violate any restrictions of the training area.

Captain Clark said writing ATOs is an additional duty.

“In the real world, there would be an entire shop dedicated to writing them,” the captain said. “We simulate with three people what six to 12 people do in an air operations center.”

Once the mission is complete, a mass debriefing is held to determine its success rate and pilots get instructions on how to correct the things that went wrong. While the teams are all striving for a 100-percent mission-completion rate, they will have to wait for the next ATO to drop for their next shot at perfection.

(Capt. Aaron Wiley, Red Flag-Alaska Public Affairs, contributed to this story)



Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston

A B-52 Stratofortress crew from the 93rd Bomb Squadron at Barksdale AFB, La., prepares their plane for flight as an F-16 from the 18th Fighter Squadron takes off on the second day of Red Flag – Alaska.



Tech. Sgt. Julie Avey

A-10 Warthogs from the 75th Fighter Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., are participating in the exercise.

Right, Airmen from the 64th Agressor Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev., perform pre-flight inspections on F-16 aircraft prior to take-off. More than 80 aircraft and 1,500 personnel are participating in the Red Flag – Alaska 06-2 exercise.



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Above, Master Sgt. Dorian Gatchell and Senior Airman Ashley Buus from the Air National Guard’s 175th Fighter Squadron at Sioux Falls, S.D., prepare to

load bombs onto an F-16. The bombs will be dropped over the Pacific Alaska Range Complex during the exercise.